

WYCOMBE AVENGERS?

WYCOMBE WANDERERS' much awaited return with Leatherhead takes place tomorrow night (Tuesday) at Guildford Road when the Blues will be going all out to avenge their 2-1 defeat at Loakes Park on October 28.

Many of the Wanderers' fans will remember that occasion. Two players were sent off and two booked, Rob Williams received a gash that necessitated 14 stitches and kept him out of football for seven matches, and Dave Skinner produced the 'coup de grâce' with the winning goal in injury time.

The two players to receive

their marching orders were Keith Searle and Chris Kelly, while Kelly was booked along with John Cooper.

Since then Leatherhead have gone from strength to strength, and are currently third in the league. Unbeaten in their last eight Isthmian matches, their Amateur Cup hopes were shattered last week with a 3-1 defeat at Harwich and Parkeston.

Leatherhead, though, have had their share of good fortune. The F.A. ruled that Kelly's sending off against Wycombe was sufficient punishment while Searle, the other offender, was fined and suspended for two weeks.

With their recent success has come an England cap for Barry Friend, who made his debut in England's 3-1 victory over Wales recently. Leading goalscorer is Peter Lavers, who was on target with the first goal against Wycombe. He has 18 goals this season, followed by Barry Webb with nine and Kelly seven.



PETE LAVERS
... top scorer.